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Research on Anti-Microbial Resistance
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government (Department of Biotechnology) through the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) has invested an initial $ 1,00,000 in an anti-microbial resistance fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the justification therefor;

(c) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof and the projects likely to be supported by the said fund;

(d) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment of the need for the anti-microbial resistance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(Y.S. CHOWDARY)
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(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a Public Sector Undertaking of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India has announced a partnership with NESTA towards the Longitude Prize Discovery Awards fund with a fund size of Â£100,000.

(c) This will help to support a number of Entrepreneurs and Start-ups to develop "Transformative point of care diagnostic tests" that will conserve antibiotics for future generations and revolutionize the delivery of global healthcare.

(d) & (e) There is a detailed assessment of the need for Anti-microbial resistance (AMR) research done by DBT, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). There are also global studies on the need for AMR research.
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